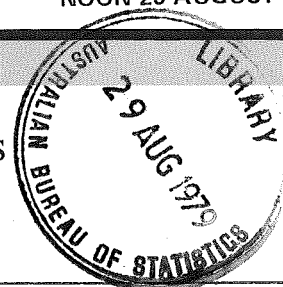


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## AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF SELECTED ITEMS SIX STATE CAPITAL CITIES AND CANBERRA JUNE QUARTER 1979

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### EXPLANATORY NOTES

#### Scope of publication

This publication contains average prices for selected items which are included in the Consumer Price Index. The CPI covers a wide range of goods and services arranged in eight groups, which are in turn divided into subgroups. The selected items for which average prices are shown in this publication fall within the Food Group and the following subgroups: Household supplies and services; Alcoholic beverages; and Personal care products.

2. The items and varieties shown in this publication do not comprise *all* of the items and varieties which are incorporated in the Food Group or the specified subgroups.

#### Average prices

3. Prices shown are the averages of prices for specified grades, qualities, brands, etc. charged by a number of selected retailers in each city. The specified grades, etc. and the retailers have been selected as representative to measure price change over time. Thus the prices do not purport to be the actual averages of all retail sales of these items. They should be regarded as no more than approximate indicators of price levels and price changes for the items concerned. Furthermore, the selected grades, brands, etc. for some items differ between cities and thus the average prices for some items may not be completely comparable from city to city.

4. Prices for food items are collected as at the middle of each month except in the case of some fresh items (fruit, vegetables and fish) where prices are collected more frequently and averaged to obtain monthly prices. The average prices shown in this bulletin for food items are quarterly averages of the monthly average prices. Prices for non-food items shown in this bulletin are collected as at the middle of the mid-month of each quarter.

#### Related publications

5. Users may also wish to refer to the following publications which are available from the Australian Bureau of Statistics on request:

*Consumer Price Index* (quarterly) (6401.0)  
*Consumer Price Index, Monthly Food Group Index, Six State Capital Cities and Canberra* (6402.0)  
*Consumer Price Index, Monthly Food Group Index, Darwin* (6413.0)  
*A Guide to the Consumer Price Index*

6. All publications produced by the ABS are listed in *Catalogue of Publications* (1101.0) which is available free of charge from any ABS office.

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**AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF SELECTED ITEMS, JUNE QUARTER 1979**  
(Cents)

<i>Item</i>	<i>Unit</i>	<i>Sydney</i>	<i>Melbourne</i>	<i>Brisbane</i>	<i>Adelaide</i>	<i>Perth</i>	<i>Hobart</i>	<i>Canberra</i>
<b>Dairy produce</b>								
Milk, bottled, delivered	2x600ml	55	54	54	48	53	49	46
Milk, powdered, full cream	300g can	79	86	83	84	85	88	84
Cheese, processed	250g	55	58	57	57	56	60	61
Butter	500g	96	88	94	90	91	94	100
<b>Cereal products</b>								
Bread, milk loaf, sliced, supermarket sales (a)	680g	56	46	47	58	57	55	59
Biscuits, dry	225g	40	43	39	43	49	47	44
Breakfast cereal, corn based	500g	70	71	70	72	87	80	75
Flour, self-raising	1kg	41	50	40	44	50	54	46
Rice	500g	35	38	38	38	39	40	38
<b>Meat and seafoods</b>								
<b>Beef</b>								
Rib, without bone	1kg	343	340	340	408	373	338	388
Rump steak	1kg	560	603	498	607	610	598	667
T-bone steak, without fillet (b)	1kg	532	496	461	548	530	545	580
Chuck steak	1kg	338	311	333	371	380	330	360
Silverside, corned	1kg	374	376	355	416	401	384	400
Sausages	1kg	197	208	200	187	190	216	200
<b>Lamb</b>								
Leg	1kg	333	298	387	329	366	345	387
Loin chops	1kg	394	367	403	409	381	367	467
Forequarter chops	1kg	313	273	371	361	345	330	378
<b>Pork</b>								
Leg	1kg	405	362	404	408	376	406	436
Chops	1kg	405	395	404	428	365	414	456
Chicken, frozen	1kg	172	193	193	209	190	202	192
Bacon	250g pkt	146	171	135	140	132	148	168
Beef, corned	340g can	102	110	106	100	110	113	108
Salmon, pink	220g can	93	106	97	99	104	105	96
<b>Fruit and vegetables</b>								
Oranges	1kg	64	51	59	57	74	69	52
Bananas	1kg	79	80	69	79	112	105	82
Potatoes	1kg	41	38	46	45	45	37	38
Tomatoes	1kg	88	84	71	73	105	127	92
Carrots	1kg	63	50	83	52	44	65	57
Onions	1kg	53	50	54	45	53	50	52
Peaches	825g can	61	67	72	70	73	78	68
Pineapple, pieces	450g can	41	43	41	45	47	46	44
Peas, frozen	500g pkt	52	59	58	62	61	64	61
<b>Confectionery</b>								
Chocolate, block	200g	81	78	78	82	82	85	81
<b>Other food</b>								
Eggs	55g, 1 dozen	105	114	117	121	117	137	100
Sugar	2kg	80	81	79	82	79	85	87
Jam, strawberry	500g jar	76	82	83	84	97	85	81
Tea	250g	74	76	73	76	76	81	81
Coffee, instant	150g jar	231	232	239	236	241	238	224
Tomato sauce	300ml (c)	73	75	41	41	45	44	75
Margarine, table, poly-unsaturated	500g	74	91	83	88	82	88	81
Baked beans, in tomato sauce	450g	37	40	37	37	38	41	40
Baby food	125g can	17	20	19	21	22	21	19
<b>Household supplies</b>								
Laundry detergent	750g	110	118	118	118	127	124	116
Dishwashing detergent	750ml	97	101	100	99	110	106	102
Facial tissues	pkt of 150	64	61	65	65	69	66	67
Toilet paper	2x550 sheet rolls	62	59	64	60	69	64	65
Pet food	405g	34	34	35	34	36	39	36
<b>Alcoholic beverages</b>								
Beer	740ml bottle(d)	98	88	91	89	90	94	94
Draught beer, public bar	285ml glass (e)	45	49	48	43	43	43	47
Scotch, nip, public bar	30ml (f)	72	77	73	74	98	75	69
<b>Personal care products</b>								
Toilet soap	2x125g	53	57	55	53	62	60	58
Toothpaste	110g	63	61	65	63	65	67	67

(a) Melbourne, Adelaide and Hobart prices relate to white loaves. (b) Sydney, Brisbane and Perth with fillet. (c) Sydney, Melbourne and Canberra 600ml. (d) Single bottle sales only. (e) Adelaide 255ml, Perth 200 ml, Hobart 225 ml. (f) Brisbane and Hobart 1 oz.